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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

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In the claims:

Amend claim 1-5, 7-20, 22-25, 27-34, 36-39, 41, and 43-44 as follows:

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1. A method for making electronic information more readily available to one or more first access requestors based on an anticipated demand for the electronic information, the method comprising:
 - anticipating a future request by at least one of the first access requestors for access to selected electronic information that is stored on a first storage medium, the future request being anticipated based at least on information that is not particular to any single first access requestor;
 - accessing the selected electronic information stored on the first storage medium;
 - duplicating the selected electronic information on a second storage medium that is more accessible to the first access requestors than the first storage medium; and
 - providing the first access requestors with access to the selected electronic information from the second storage medium.
 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - determining whether the selected electronic information is accessible to the one or more first access requestors from the second storage medium,
 - wherein the first access requestors are provided with access to the selected electronic information from the first storage medium only if the selected electronic information is not accessible to the first access requestors from the second storage medium.

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